

## 24 Pennington Place: Peace in The Valley

BY REBECCA R. NEWSOME, MIRM Just imagine... An exquisite custom home with four bedrooms, four and a half baths, an epicurean kitchen, a media room and numerous other inviting spaces in its 6,600-plus square feet. Imag-

ine a painted white brick exlovely terior, landscaping, and meticulous design details, evoking "oohs" and "ahhs" both inside and out. Imagine a location just off Dover Road, convenient to shopping, restaurants, major

thoroughfares, Duke University and RTP, yet tucked away in a quiet, private, secluded setting. Imagine maintenance-free living, with all exterior home and yard upkeep handled by the neighborhood Home Owners Association.

Imagine all of this as the place that you call home. Does this sound heavenly? Yes, of course it does. Does it sound peaceful? Yes, absolutely. Is there actually such a place? Yes, thank goodness! It's 24 Pennington Place, in Southwest Durham's elegant enclave of executive style homes, aptly named The Valley. Imagine "Peace in The Valley," and you'll find yourself here. It's just that simple. Read on to learn more about this marvelous address, waiting for its next lucky owner.

The home at 24 Pennington Place was built and designed by Chase Construction for Jim and Wanda Watkins just over 10 years ago. With an interest in the latest and greatest in new homes, Jim and Wanda found the plan for this home at a National Association of Home Builders International Builders' Show. Not only did they realize that this was the home they

had dreamed of; they knew exactly where they wanted it... In The Valley, where they already lived. They loved the neighborhood and all it had to offer, so why build it anywhere else? 24 Pennington Place soon became not only Jim

and Wanda's sanctuary, but a wonderful gathering place for family and friends. "We've trea-

living sured here," Wanda said recently. "However, we've made the decision to live full time at the beach. Oth-

erwise, we wouldn't be moving. This house and this neighborhood are so special to us... We hope another family will love it as much as





we have."

What makes 24 Pennington Place exceptional? For starters, Bolivian cherry hardwood graces the first floor in alternating widths of four, six and 10 inches, adding interest to its gorgeous luster. Archways connecting the downstairs living areas provide an open feel for both intimate and large get-togethers.

The heart-of-the-home kitchen features a coffered ceiling, a gas cooktop under a stunning chimney hood boxed with travertine tile, two islands (one with a granite top and a butcher block top on the other), custom cherry cabinetry and an adjoining butler's pantry/work area. The kitchen overlooks the family room as well as the breakfast area, which opens to the patio

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Details in the home at 24 Pennington Place such as coffered and beamed ceilings, arched doorways and intricate flooring make this a treasure in Durham's The Valley.

and the private woods beyond the home. Formal living and dining rooms complete the first floor.

The fabulous 20x20 master retreat at 24 Pennington Place is among the home's most spectacular features. A soaring ceiling with tongue and groove beams, built-in bookcases, a spacious sitting room and an opulent bath and makeup area are to-die-for inclusions in this suite, which opens to a private deck with a hot tub overlooking a heavily wooded area. The term "retreat" has never fit more perfectly than it does for this special bedroom. All three other bedrooms are complete with full baths; one even has its own Jacuzzi tub.

A home theater, mini-bar, office, bedroom and full bath are on the lower level.

All of this adds up to a breathtaking home that your imagination can barely begin to comprehend. You just must see this remarkable home! An open house is scheduled for today, Sunday, Feb. 22, from 1 to 5 p.m. To visit, take Old Chapel Hill Road to Dover Road, across from the Hope Valley gates. At the circle, take the second right on Pennington Place. House is on the right.

Priced at \$750,000, "Peace in The Valley" can be yours at 24 Pennington Place. For additional photos, go to SusanRichter.com; for more details or to schedule a showing, contact Andrew Johnston at 919-801-0895 or Susan Richter at 919-451-4663.



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